

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the above-captioned patent application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing compliance data over a networked system of computers, said method comprising the steps of:
gathering compliance data from a plurality of compliance data sources, said compliance data comprising at least one requirement for complying with at least one of standards, regulations and laws, wherein said at least one requirement for complying with at least one of standards, regulations and laws does not control or manage access to said compliance data;
editing said gathered compliance data to include organizational data and formatting a portion of said compliance data to create modified compliance data;
storing said modified compliance data within a database;
classifying said modified compliance data within said database based on a classification scheme relating to compliance data;
transferring said modified compliance data from said database to a data server; and
electronically providing said modified compliance data to a remote communication device via said data server.

Claim 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of gathering compliance data is performed manually.

Claim 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of gathering compliance data is performed by a computer program.

Claim 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of customizing the display of said modified compliance data on said remote communication device, in accordance with a user's preferences or needs.

Claim 5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said user's preferences or needs are received from said remote communication device.

Claim 6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said user's preferences or needs are determined by a computer program which monitors user traffic, log patterns, and usage history.

Claim 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying said modified compliance data based on said classification scheme, wherein said classification

scheme comprises one or more of the following data categories: type of industry, type of compliance subject, continent of development and manufacture of said compliance subject, continent of use of said compliance subject, source of compliance data, continent of environmental impact of said compliance subject, country of development and manufacture of said compliance subject, country of use of said compliance subject, country of environmental impact of said compliance subject, compliance requirements for before, during, and after use of said compliance subject, common elements of compliance requirements, business compliance needs for before, during, and after use of said compliance subject, and perspectives of end-users before, during, and after use of said compliance subject.

Claim 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said compliance data is selected from the group consisting of: government standards, government regulations, international standards, domestic standards, guidance documents, regulations, laws, information relating to compliance issues, or a combination thereof.

Claim 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said database is a publicly inaccessible and password protected relational database and said data server is a public web server.

Claim 10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
synchronizing said modified compliance data stored in said publicly inaccessible database with said modified compliance data stored in said public web server.

Claim 11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:
preventing said modified compliance data from being downloaded from said web server to a remote communication device unless said remote communication device has been authorized.

Claim 12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said gathering step may further comprise uploading compliance data from a remote communication device.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) A computer system for managing compliance data comprising:

means for gathering compliance data from a plurality of compliance data sources, said compliance data comprising at least one requirement for complying with at least one of standards, regulations, and laws, wherein said at least one requirement for complying with at

least one of standards, regulations and laws does not control or manage access to said compliance data;

a workstation comprising:

means for editing said gathered compliance data to include organizational data and formatting a portion of said compliance data creating modified compliance data,

a storage device for storing said modified compliance data,

a database for organizing said modified compliance data based on a classification scheme relating to compliance data, and

a communication device for transmitting said modified compliance data from said workstation to a data server;

a data server comprising:

a communication device for receiving said modified compliance data from said workstation and

means for electronically providing said modified compliance data to a remote communication device; and

a communication network for connecting said locations of compliance data, said workstation, said data server and said remote communication device.

Claim 14. (Original) The computer system of claim 13, wherein said database is a publicly inaccessible and password protected relational database and said data server is a public web server.

Claim 15. (Original) The computer system of claim 13, wherein said data server further comprises a computer program for customizing a user's preferences by monitoring user traffic, log patterns, and usage history.

Claim 16. (Original) The computer system of claim 13, wherein said compliance data is selected from the group consisting of: government standards, government regulations, international standards, domestic standards, guidance documents, regulations, laws, information relating to compliance issues, or a combination thereof.

Claim 17. (Original) The computer system of claim 14, further comprising:

means for synchronizing said modified compliance data stored in said publicly inaccessible database with said modified compliance data stored in said public web server.

Claim 18. (Original) The computer system of claim 14, further comprising:

means for preventing said modified compliance data from being downloaded from said web server to a remote communication device unless said remote communication device has been authorized.

Claim 19. (Original) The computer system of claim 13, wherein said classification scheme comprises one or more of the following data categories: type of industry, type of compliance subject, continent of development and manufacture of said compliance subject, continent of use of said compliance subject, source of compliance data, continent of environmental impact of said compliance subject, country of development and manufacture of said compliance subject, country of use of said compliance subject, country of environmental impact of said compliance subject, compliance requirements for before, during, and after use of said compliance subject, common elements of compliance requirements, business compliance needs for before, during, and after use of said compliance subject, and perspectives of end-users before, during, and after use of said compliance subject.

Substance of the Interview and Request for Reconsideration:

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's courtesy in discussing the above-captioned patent application during a personal interview with Applicant's representative on March 13, 2005. In accordance with MPEP 713.04, Applicant respectfully submits the following substance of the interview, incorporating the Interview Summary (Form PTOL-413) dated March 13, 2005, by reference. Prior to the interview, Applicant's representative identified two topics for discussion during the interview. First, the Office Action, states that "Hall's 'right[s] management' includes the regulation of data via governing access to data, which is implied by applicant's claim language reference to 'compliance data.'" Office Action, Page 4, Lines 6-8 (emphasis added). No such implication was intended. Nevertheless, if such an implication were present, Applicant's representative suggested that the claims might be amended to clarify the distinction between Hall's "rights management" and Applicant's "compliance data" and to remove any unintended "implication." Second, Applicant maintained that "rights management" and "compliance data" are significantly different, and Applicant's representative wished to better understand why the Examiner believes that "Hall's teachings read on applicant's claim language (i.e., compliance data)." Office Action, Page 4, Lines 13-14. During the interview, the Examiner and Applicant's representative discussed these topics and the cited art. The Examiner and Applicant's representative discussed the meaning of Applicant's "compliance data" and how that term differs from Hall's "management rights." Despite an extensive discussion of the cited art, the pending claims, and the differences between Hall's "rights management" and Applicant's "compliance data," no agreement was reached on possible amendments to the claims.

Applicant is amending claims 1 and 13 to more clearly distinguish the claimed invention over the cited art. No new matter is added by the foregoing amendments, and these amendments are fully supported by the specification. E.g., Appl'n, Page 4, Lines 21-23; compare Appl'n, Claims 9-11, 14, 17, and 18 (describing provisions for limiting access to the compliance data). Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the foregoing amendments and that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, as well as the accompanying Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.